

Wish List

Van or truck for animal transport
Laser printer
Cat litter
Flea and tick dip
Sulfur lime dip
Pet shampoo
Cleaning supplies
Cat and dog toys
Pig ears
Canned cat or dog food
Thick dog leashes
Collars
Plastic furniture
Towels and blankets
Paper towels
Cardboard pet carriers
Play pen
Metal shelving units
Latex gloves
Printer paper
Laundry soap

A Puuurr-fect Gift

We have the puurrr-
fect gift for the animal
lover on your list, tee-
shirts and sweat-shirts
with the VCHS logo on
them. Stop in and do your
shopping and spread
some Christmas cheer
with a dog or a cat while
you're here.

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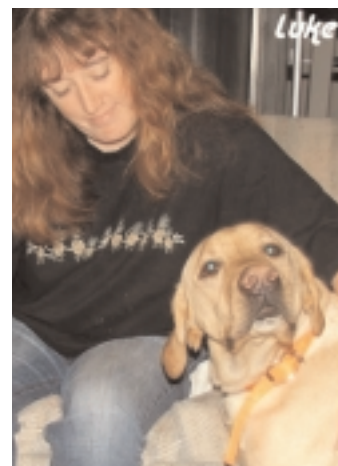
We found this heartfelt message on a regional
bulletin board recently, and wanted to share it with all of
you. Thank you Laura and Steve for adopting Luke!

*"On the message board that my boyfriend frequents,
one of the posters had mentioned looking for a dog and
considering a shelter animal. Someone replied that when
you get a shelter dog, you're only getting "somebody else's
problems". That really burned me, and so I'd like to share
Luke's story as a perfect example of what you REALLY get
when you adopt from an animal shelter.*

*"Luke is perfectly housebroken. He is extremely well-
trained and so very smart--he already knew "sit", "come" and "stay" when he came to us,
and in four days I taught him "down" and "out" (as in, you're not allowed in this room).
He doesn't jump, either on us or on new friends. He doesn't bark, except for the
occasional woof when a car pulls into the driveway. He doesn't chase the cats, even when
they run from him. He doesn't beg for food--in fact, if you lay a plate on the floor, he won't
touch the food that's on it until you tell him he can have it. He is gentle in the extreme,
whether he's asking for a belly rub or taking a treat from your hand.*

*"To make a long story short, Luke is probably the best dog I've ever met and by far
the best dog I've ever owned. Someone obviously loved him and took good care of him,
and his old family is probably heartbroken to have lost him.*

*"Animal shelters are full of stories like Luke's. Every animal deserves a second
chance. Adopting from a shelter is a perfect way to bring some new love into your life,
and bring love back to an animal who needs and DESERVES it."*



10 "No-Nonsense" Benefits of Adopting an Adult Shelter Dog or Cat

*Adult dogs and cats are ideal pets for first-time pet owners, for busy families, and
for middle-aged or older adults. Here are some persuasive arguments for adopting an
adult pet from a shelter, instead of buying from a puppy mill or backyard breeder.*

1. Adult pets have fully-developed bladder and bowel control. If housetraining is needed (often it is not needed), they learn fast because they can "hold it." Those of you who have replaced carpets after puppy-training will instantly "get" this one!
2. Adult pets are done teething, so they have better "mouth manners." Puppies and kittens are very cute, but they can quickly destroy valuable household property, and they will all bite or scratch in play until they are trained not to.
3. Adult dogs and cats need less exercise than puppies and kittens. You don't have to throw a ball for an hour every night to tire that puppy out!
4. No puppy- or kitten-proofing of your home needed. They have outgrown the need for continual stimulation. They no longer are filled with frantic energy, which leads to the next point.
5. The adults are mentally capable of focusing on you. Training is easier. Plus, adopters of adult pets say that bonding is just as satisfying, if not more satisfying, than with puppies and kittens. One study showed that compatible adopters and adult dogs bonded within 30 minutes on average. You are saving a life; that is a bond-maker like no other. Your new pet will be so grateful to you to get out of the shelter and into a home.
6. Adults are likely to be quieter and safer alone in the house when you are at work. Remember, they are accustomed to being confined to small areas for hours at a time.
7. Adult pets from Vernon County Humane Society have been already spayed or neutered, have had heartwork and Lyme tests, and are up-to-date on shots, saving you up \$100 or more. Yeah! Not to mention time and hassle!
8. Adult dogs and cats are physically and mentally mature—no size or temperament surprises. What you see is what you get. Behavior problems could develop, however; just as they could for puppies and kittens. Every pet needs training to learn house rules, and calm reinforcement.
9. You will be doing something wonderful for your community as well as for the pet.
10. You will not be patronizing a puppy mill, which is a "factory" for dogs. Typically these facilities do not uphold baseline humane standards for animal care. Read between the lines here. Do not give money to animal abusers.



*Get that
warm, fuzzy feeling
this holiday season...
Help the humane
society!*

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CHRISTMAS 2008



Dedicated to the welfare and protection of all companion and domestic animals by promoting programs that benefit the health, safety and well-being of all residents of Vernon County.

Virtual Volunteers Needed

Do you have computer skills?
VCHS is looking for someone to help us keep our adoption sites up to date. If you would like to help, please call 608-637-6955 for details.

Painters Needed

VCHS is looking for somebody who is able to paint the ceiling in the dog adoption area. If you have some free time and don't mind heights, please call us and let us know when you are available.

Myspace.com

Please check out our new Myspace page and add the Vernon County Humane Society as one of your friends:
www.myspace.com/vchumane

Critter Chatter

Please tune into WVRQ FM and listen to Critter Chatter on Fridays at 12:35.

Nursing Home Schedule

1st week of the month:
Bethel Home
2nd week of the month:
Maplewood & Fairhaven
3rd week of the month:
Norseland & Oldtimes

Craft Contest

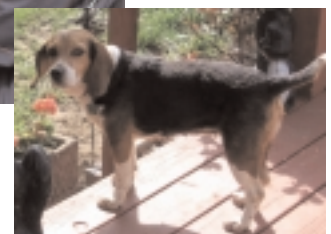
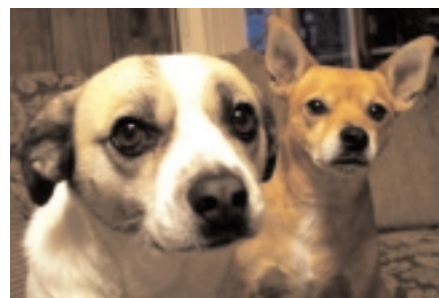
The Vernon County Humane Society is having a craft contest in which people donate animal themed items that are handmade, and the items will be judged and prizes will be awarded. Items from dog houses to cat totes, to anything animal themed may be made and donated. This fundraiser was a great success last year and the items were auctioned off to raise money for the Vernon County Humane Society. Please join in the fun and be crafty for the animals. For details about the event please check out our website at www.vchumane.org or call the shelter at 608-637-6955

Give "A Home for The Holidays" ... Adopt a Long-Term Dog or Cat

Animal rescues and shelters across America participate in an Annual Home for the Holidays promotion. Here at VCHS, we especially need homes for our long-term dogs Caprice, Larry, Leonard, Lyle, Lopez, Lady, Antonyo, Anton, and our long-term cats Walkins, Winona, Gyzmo, Thea, Gabrielle, Susan, Lynette, and Dora. Just bring an gift of dog or cat food, toys, or treats, and adopt at a special promotional discount fee of \$95 for dogs (normally \$150) and \$50 for cats (normally \$95). Some of our animals have been waiting for a home since spring of this year. Please come visit!

Where Are the Cats?

Please send us pictures of your new adopted cats, too. We get lots of dog pictures.



Email pictures and stories to:
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